

We Gotta Regatta!

The Fourth Annual Recycle Regatta



Saturday, July 8, 2023

2:00pm or 14:00

Bernert Landing- Boat Ramp

1100 12th St

West Linn, OR 97068

Get your winning teams name engraved in history on the Paddle Trophy, which is proudly displayed at City Hall.

The Recycle Regatta is packed full of fun and is held at Bernert Landing Boat Ramp. Bring the family out to see teams compete in homemade boats of all shapes, sizes and themes!

Watch various teams of friends, co-workers and kids who have fabricated an array of exotic-looking boats that float on hundreds of plastic bottles. If it floats, it races!

Teams row their boats made out of recycled plastic bottles, with paddles. They race from the boat dock, out around the wake sign in the river and back to the dock.

The heat is on as teams vie for a range of awards from fastest boat to best dressed Crew, and more! Proudly wear your medal all weekend to show off your win!

FEE: \$10 per Crew **Member**, teams ages 18 and over

\$10 per Crew **School Team** (Elementary, Middle and High Schools)

Teams should be limited to 12 Crew or less

If you have any questions please call The City of West Linn Parks and Recreation: 503-557-4700 or Seaneen Rudkin-Manning: 503-789-4223

West Linn Old Time Fair Recycle Regatta

Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023

Location: Bernert Landing Boat Ramp

1100 12th St. West Linn, OR 97068

Time: 2:00pm or 1400, Boats must be on site at least 1 hour before race-for inspection

FEE: \$10 per Crew **Team**- Elementary, Middle and High Schools

\$10 per Crew **Member**- 18 and over

Contact: _____

(Captain of Team)

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Organization Represented: _____

(Name of School, Club or Business)

Name of Craft: _____

Boat Classification: Please Circle One A B C D E see next page for classifications

Boat inspections, if required, will be performed on site. Corrections to boats must be made prior to racing in any event. Judges instructions are final.

Please complete this Entry Form. One form per boat and accompanied Release Forms, one form per Crew member. Drop these off at:

West Linn City Hall-**Entry fee is waived if turned in by July 7**

West Linn Parks & Recreation
22500 Salamo Road
West Linn, Oregon 97068

Or bring them to the race with entry fee.

Recycle Regatta Rules and Regulations

Classifications-

Crew members whose age may be questioned should have proof of age available in case of protest.

Manpower for all categories- Minimum of 2 Crew members and a maximum of 12 Crew members.

- A- Age 10 and under – Example: Elementary School Team Crew
- B- Age 11 to 14- Example: Middle School Team Crew
- C- Age 15 to 18 – Example: High School Team Crew
- D- Civic, Business and Individual Crew- Age 18 and older, Men and Women
- E- First Responders Challenge- Age 18 and older, Men and Women

Classifications may be combined, day of race, depending on level of participation

How to Participate in the Recycle Regatta-

Select plastic containers only- **Maximum size of one gallon.** You will need enough to float your Crew and all the equipment your boat will carry. Each gallon plastic container will float 8 pounds of weight. 20 one-gallon containers are suggested for each Crew member.

10 Crew members = 200 one-gallon containers. Adjust for smaller teams.

Reseal your plastic containers to make them watertight.

Assembling your entry for the big race

Use anything to put your boat together as long as the bottles provide the primary floatation. Foam expanding insulation is prohibited.

You may use glue, wood, rope, wire or cloth or use your imagination.

Plastic containers providing primary floatation must have bottom surface in contact with water. No bottom cover is allowed except for lashings, chicken wire or screening with a minimum of ½ inch continual spaces. The boats will be inspected, in the water, with the crew on board, (Archimedes) to insure that the plastic containers are the only thing contacting the water. Except for the lashing.

All entries will be inspected on race day. Judges instructions for corrective actions are final. All boats must be fixed/corrected before they race. Decisions by judges in this regard are final.

Important Safety Notes

Races will be conducted under strict safety regulations. The safety of all contestants and spectators is of paramount importance and the co-operations of all is necessary in providing a safe, fun filled and successful event.

Glass containers are not permitted for safety and ecological reasons.

Pick up boats will be provided to accompany racers and first-aid facilities will be available. All trial runs must be done before the West Linn Old Time Fair (the river is closed during the Fair) and should have adult supervision. It is highly recommended that you test run your boat, you will learn about things you want to adjust or fix!

Boats will be permitted in the water only to participate in the appropriate race for which they have qualified. Any boat in the water at other times, interfering with a race, will be disqualified.

Contestants in all divisions must wear a life jacket or vest meeting the safety standards of the US Coast Guard. Life belts are NOT permitted.

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN LIFE JACKET.

Rules for the Races

Boats may participate in more than one classification with a **Different Crew** for each classification. **A Maximum of three classes for each boat will be allowed.**

Event judges may inspect all entries on race day. Judges instructions for corrective actions are final. All boats must be fixed/corrected before the race.

Craft must be of original constructions and buoyancy must be dependent upon the use of plastic containers. **Maximum size of plastic containers will be one gallon.** Your boat should have breather holes in the deck to release trapped air. The judges will disqualify boats where **plastic bottles are not providing the primary floatation.**

Vessels must be propelled by paddles only- no oars or oar locks

Length Requirement – Minimum length is 3 feet. Think about how you are going to transfer you boat to Bernert Landing and plan your maximum length with this in mind. It would be great to enter your Recycle Regatta boat in the Parade! The Parade is Saturday, July 8, 2023 10am

OK MATERIALS

Duct Tape, Silicon Glue, Small Diameter PVC pipe, Nylon cord, Plastic bottles

Do Not Use glue guns because that type of glue melts on hot days.

NOT ALLOWED

No Styrofoam

No Foam Expanding Insulation

NO ENGINES OR MOTORS ARE PERMITTED INCLUDING BATTERY OR ELECTRIC OPERATED POWER SOURCES. The boat must be human powered!

Boats may not be pushed by Crew or by outside assistance.

The use of mechanical devices, such as bicycle chains, sprockets, etc. are not permitted. Oil or grease is not permitted on any vessel.

Contestants will begin the race in their respective boats at the Bernert Landing dock. Any boat leaving the starting line before the starting gun will be DISQUALIFIED.

As soon as each race is completed, all boats will immediately go to shore, whether they have reached the finish line or not. This will clear the way for the next race.

All contestants must remove their boats, and anything that fell off. NO LITTER PLEASE!! There will be large recycle/trash bins available.

Decisions of the judges will be final. Please keep in mind that this is a family-oriented event. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be considered grounds for disqualification. PARENTAL CONSENT, BY SIGNATURE, IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR ALL CONTESTANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18. Each participant on a boat must hand in a signed Release Form.

Prizes

The Fastest overall boat will have its team name added to the Recycled Paddle Award which is displayed at City Hall

1st Place Medals will be awarded to the fastest boats in each class.

Medals will also be an award for the Best Dressed Team, and the Titanic Award, (renamed the Tour-tanic Award, in honour of the Tour family who won the first Titanic Award ever!)

Design

Creative problem-solving is the name of the game. Whether you get your creative insights from methodical effort or from wide-ranging trial and error, building a recycled plastic bottle boat will be fun and challenging. There are lots of ideas and tips on the internet! Google to your hearts content.

Start with a design idea, a vision of what you want your creation to look like, but consider this first- it does not have to be a boat at all. It can be any design you like or want to try out. Create a drawing or two before you start your construction. Listen to all the members on your team and have a great time.

How about a little science? A cubic foot of water weighs about 62 pounds. That means that a 120 pound person will float in a boat that is 1 foot by 1 foot by 2 feet- of course, that would be a bit uncomfortable.

Items to think about-

A flat bottom boat is recommended. A V-shaped bottom is likely to tip over unless the V is very gentle.

The lowest center of gravity is the most stable. Kneeling or standing may cause you to tip over.

Planning Guide

Build a Team, the more the merrier. But remember only 12 or less Crew members in the boat during the race.

Fill out and take your paperwork to City Hall, Parks and Recreation Department-If we receive your registration by July 7 the entry fee is waived.

Play with design ideas

Create a materials list

Start to collect bottles- LOTS OF THEM!- Businesses that serve coffee use a lot of bottles and are usually very happy to share their empties.

Go shopping and/or collect materials

Start construction- consider a practice run. All water activities must be supervised by an appropriate adult.

July 8, 2023 at 2pm – Have a great time with your team at the Regatta!

RECYCLE REGATTA

RELEASE FORM

The undersigned assumes all responsibility for any and all risk of damage or injury that may occur to the undersigned during participation in the 2023 West Linn Old Time Fair Recycle Regatta. In consideration of being accepted as a participant in the regatta, the undersigned **hereby releases and discharges the City of West Linn, its staff, their members, agents and sponsors from all claims, demands, rights of causes of action present or future, whether known, anticipated or unanticipated, and resulting from or arising out of an incident to the undersigned's** participation in the 2022 West Linn Old Time Fair Recycle Regatta. I have read and understand the terms and rules of the Recycle Regatta. In addition, I hereby authorize the use of any photographs, motion picture or other material related to the event for publicity, promotional or news purposes by the various media, as authorized or approved by the City of West Linn.

ALL PARTICIPANTS-ADULTS-MINORS-GUARDIANS, everyone in your group must sign a release acknowledgement to be allowed to participate. Any participants under the age of 18 require a parent or guardian name, signature and contact number.

Organization Represented: _____

Name of Craft: _____

CREW MEMBER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Signature of Participant

Or Parent/Guardian (if minor): _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Age (if minor) _____